

April 3, 2024

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish  
Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting of  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

Present: Sandra Trudel Deputy Mayor  
Debra Joncas Councillor  
Ted Clague Councillor  
Lisa Hobbs Deputy Clerk

Excused: Mary-Louise Zarichney Councillor  
Karen Von Pickartz Mayor

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

At this time I would like to acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Anishnabek People of our neighbors and friends Sagamok Anishnawbek and Genaabaajing (Gii -naw-baa-jing/ Serpent River First Nation)

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and responsibility we each have in learning the true history, accepting the culture and improving our relationship with the First People of the lands we now share. I would like to acknowledge Our Mother Earth, who provides all we need.

Our neighbors often say "Mino Bimaadziwin" ( minnow be-maude-zah-win) which means to "live the good life" it is meant to imply to walk thru life in a good kind way. As we begin our meeting I would like to offer those words to keep in the back of our minds and hearts as we work together for the betterment of our Community.

The Mayor asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-29**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the Regular meeting of March 20, 2024 be adopted with the following amendment:

8. Information and Action Items

L) Resignation and Reappointment to the ELNOS Board.

9. Correspondence/information -no action required

d) March 4, 2024 – Spanish Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

**Carried**

**DELEGATIONS: NONE**

**TENDERS: NONE**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-30**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the previous meeting of Council of March 6, 2024 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-31**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the position of Public Works Labourer.

**AND THAT** this position be advertised until Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 4:00 pm;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the ad be posted in the newsletter, on the web-site, Employment Solutions, and Employment Options.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-32**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the purchase of a used cab for the Mack truck, at a cost of \$1,500.00 plus tax and delivery costs;

**AND THAT** this cost form part of the 2024 Operating budget.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-33**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports a free scheduled water on/off for Municipal water users to affect the necessary work to install a water shut off within their home to bring their residences up to Code.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-34**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the deputy clerk be authorized to apply for the 2024/2025 Seniors Grant to purchase necessary equipment to hold a biweekly pickleball game in the community as well as new equipment for the gym at the complex.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 35**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the deputy clerk's Report of March 20, 2024 be noted as presented.

**Carried**

**Council Verbal Reports**

**Debra Joncas: Recreation movie night was well attended**

**Approx. 26 kids**

**The movie was Migration**

**Estimated revenue was \$ 10.13**

**Ted Clague – None**

**Sandra Trudel - None**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-36**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council Verbal Reports of March 20, 2024 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 37**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council will contribute \$100.00 towards the 2024 bursary program for graduating students at L 'Ecole Secondaire Catholique Jeunesse-Nord

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 38**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk be authorized to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 workshop in Little Current on April 25 and 26, 2024.

**AND THAT** expenses be submitted for reimbursement per the remuneration policy

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 39**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the property described as PIN 314210273 (Fence Road, Spanish ON), Parts 2 and 3 of IR-5998 be declared surplus and that an appraisal be obtained.

**AND THAT** the cost of the appraisal will be the responsibility of the interested party.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the interested party be advised of the value once the appraisal is complete.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 40**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2024 Spring Clean-up Day be set for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, providing that this date is acceptable with GFL.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03-41**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports Resolution # 2024-61 passed on March 6, 2024 by The Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph, opposing the closure of the PHO lab in Sault Ste. Marie.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03-42**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Quote from J.L. Richards to provide plan of subdivision training be noted as presented.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 43**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CAO be authorized to move forward with the procurement of Engineering Services for the deck at the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex with an upset limit of \$24,250 plus HST.

**AND THAT** this cost forms part of the 2024 capital budget.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 44**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council will review the Cemetery By-law No. 14

**AND THAT** this item be put on the agenda for discussion on the April 3, regular meeting of council.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 45**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Councillor Clague be thanked for his service on the ELNOS board;

**AND THAT** Councillor Mary-Louise Zarichney be appointed to be considered by the ELNOS nomination committee.

**Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-46**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following correspondence/information items be accepted as presented:

- a) January 22, 2024 – Minutes of Special Police Services Board
- b) March 13, 2024 – Minutes of Special Police Services Board
- c) January 23, 2024 – Mount Calvary Cemetery Board Minutes
- d) March 4, 2024 – Spanish Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
- e) March 5, 2024 – Spanish Health Centre Committee Minutes
- f) March 6, 2024 – Spanish Fire Department – Chief’s report
- g) March 12, 2024 – Spanish Public Library Board Minutes
- h) Rainbow District Animal Services – 2023 Annual Report
- i) March 6, 2024 – ADSAB Budget Summary and apportionment
- j) Elliot Lake Today – Building Permit Fees – Public Meeting
- k) March 11, 2024 – 2024 Northern Housing and Homelessness (Virtual) Forum
- l) March 12, 2024 – Blind River Christmas Baskets Evaluation Meeting – Minutes
- m) OCWA February water and wastewater reports
- n) Spanish recycling and refuse report 2023, with 2022 for comparison

Carried

**BY-LAWS –**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-47**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to enter into an agreement with Sault Ste. Marie CACC, re: Fire Dispatch be read a third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-13 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03-48**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law respecting construction, demolition, change of use permits and inspections be read a second time.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03-49**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to set a tariff of fees for Planning Matters be read a second time.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03-50**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to enter into an agreement with Hydro One Networks be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-17 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-03-51**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to adopt a policy for procurement of goods and services be read a first time.

**Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS – The Christmas Lights are still up and on... they are looking a bit shabby (some burnt out) wondering when we shut them off/take down**

**QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) - Please note that responses will not be provided at the meeting, but will be responded to in a timely manner.**

**MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – None**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION #24-03- 52**

**MOVED BY:**

**SECONDED BY:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now go into closed session for the following purposes:

- 239(2)(c) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN 7:54 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT 8:00 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-53**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now return to open Council.

**Carried**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-54**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and

third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-19 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-54**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned 8:01 p.m.

  
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Sandra Trudel, Deputy Mayor

  
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Lisa Hobbs, Deputy Clerk